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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 145 (Corbett), as amended on February 27, 2007, would extend the current June 30, 2007 deadline for transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the State Judicial Council to December 31, 2008. It is an urgency measure and takes effect immediately upon the Governor's signature.

Current law, established by SB 1732 (Escutia) in 2002, authorizes and encourages the transfer of responsibility for court facilities from counties to the State. These transfers are to be negotiated on a building-by-building basis, resulting in agreements governing each facility. Each transfer carries an annual maintenance-of-effort payment from counties to the State to offset the transferred costs of facility operations.

The transfer of responsibility for court facilities to the State will better align financial responsibility for facilities with the use of those facilities by the Superior Court, which is now a State entity. Transfer would result in counties' maintenance-of-effort payments remaining constant while the State's costs for facility operations will increase over time. Counties also would be relieved from the requirement to provide court facility repairs and replacements in the future. Although counties have worked diligently and cooperatively with the Judicial Council to accomplish these transfers, they cannot be completed by the existing deadline of June 30, 2007. Consistent with existing County policy to support measures that promote the transfer of trial court facilities to the State in an efficient and fiscally neutral manner, and

because more time is necessary to complete the transfer of County facilities, **our Sacramento advocates will support SB 145.**

SB 145 is co-sponsored by the Judicial Council and the California State Association of Counties. It is supported by the California Judges Association, Regional Council of Rural Counties, Solano County Board of Supervisors, and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. There is no registered opposition.

SB 145 passed the Senate floor on March 19, 2007 on a unanimous vote of 37 to 0, and is now awaiting committee assignment in the Assembly.

Status of County Advocacy Bills

County-supported AB 1233 (Galgiani), which would require the State librarian to establish and maintain an online homework assistance program through the State public libraries, passed the Assembly Committee on Education on April 25, 2007 by a vote of 10 to 0, and now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-supported if amended SB 156 (Simitian), which would enact the California Reading, Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008, and place it on the 2008 statewide primary ballot to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4.0 billion for library construction and renovation passed the Senate Education Committee on April 26, 2007, by a vote of 6 to 1, and now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-sponsored SB 959 (Romero), which would authorize boards of supervisors to authorize involuntary home detention programs when jails are overcrowded, was approved without a hearing by the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 30, 2007. It now proceeds to the Senate floor, where it could be taken up as soon as Thursday, May 3, 2007.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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